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LORD ALFRED DOUGLAS ON TRIAL

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 10.
The trial of Lord Alfred Douglas on a charge of libelling Mr. Winston Churchill opened at the Old Bailey which was crowded. Lord Alfred Douglas pleaded "not guilty," also that the statements were true and justified and publication was a public benefit because Mr. Churchill, owing to misconduct and incompetence, should be prevented from holding further high office under the State.
The Attorney-General, prosecuting, said the alleged libel alleged that Sir Ernest Cassel's syndicate was the result of a plot with Mr. Churchill to publish false report of Jutland and had made £18,000,000 on British stocks, and £36,000,000 on German stocks and that Mr. Churchill was given a present of furniture worth £40,000. Every statement was a libel and a lie. The alleged false communiqué was not issued by Mr. Churchill but by Earl Balfour and Mr. Churchill was not aware thereof. The communiqué was drawn up by Earl Balfour, based on a telegram from Lord Jellicoe. The only document Mr. Churchill wrote connected with Jutland was an appreciation of the British part in the battle which Earl Balfour and others at the Admiralty asked him to write in order to counteract German claims to victory published in the neutral press. Sir Ernest Cassel did not deal in German stock during the war, only in British war loan. Mr. Churchill made several thousands as a war correspondent and lecturer in South Africa and as the biographer of his father and he placed the management of his investments in the hands of Sir Ernest Cassel, who was a friend of his father. Sir Ernest Cassel gave Mr. Churchill the furniture of a room in 1905 as a wedding present eight years before Jutland. Earl Balfour and Mr. Churchill gave evidence bearing out the Attorney-General's statement.

NOT TO RESIGN?

LATEST BALDWIN RUMOUR

Reuter learns that in authoritative Conservative circles the view is now taken that Mr. Baldwin will not resign but will carry on and meet Earl Jellicoe. It is now certain that if he meets Parliament he will find himself in a minority, as it is understood steps have been taken to sound Liberal opinion and the Government is now satisfied there will be no necessary opposition on the part of the Liberals.

SPECULATIONS.

LONDON, December 10.
Indications in the afternoon were that Conservative opinion was hardening against the idea of Mr. Baldwin's resignation because the duty of the Conservatives as still the strongest party is to carry on the government and there is no occasion for precipitate action. If, however, Mr. Baldwin insists on resignation and a Conservative ministry is not reconstructed, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald may be summoned by the King, but as the Libourites in their present mood are disinclined to yield a single item of their election platform, Mr. MacDonald might decline the task while willing to co-operate with the Liberals on limited lines. In such an event Mr. Asquith or his nominee would be summoned. The consensus of all parties is still opposed to a coalition.

MR. BALDWIN'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, December 10.
Mr. Baldwin week-ended at Chequers and arrived in the morning at ten at Downing Street where a number of Ministers were among the callers but the crowd of pressmen and photographers were chiefly interested in the arrival of Mr. Winston Churchill at the Colonial Office where he remained for half an hour. Subsequently, Mr. Baldwin had a forty minutes' audience with the King at Buckingham Palace.

BELETED RESULTS.

LONDON, December 10.
The English Combined Universities remain unchanged the result being:
Sir Martin Conway, (Conservative) 1,711.
Mr. H. A. L. Fisher (Liberal) 1,316.
Professor Findlay (Labour) 859.
Argyll is unchanged. The result was:
Sir William Sutherland (Liberal) 9,020.
Mr. Maquisten (Conservative) 8,100.
Inverness is unchanged. Result:
Sir Murdoch Macdonald (Liberal) 10,104.
Mr. Kinloch (Labour) 6,385.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES.

WASHINGTON, December 10.
Mr. Deaby, Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to Congress recommends the appropriation of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out a programme of fleet modernisation and authorisation of the building of eight ten-thousand ton cruisers, three cruiser-type submarines, and six gunboats, the expenditure of \$7,675,000 on naval bases and a five years' programme of naval aviation construction. Mr. Deaby says plans for modernisation which were held in abeyance in the past year must be carried out if the United States is to maintain her proper place under the Washington Treaty. America had fallen so far behind Britain in cruiser strength that she cannot hope for years to attain the equality whereto she is entitled under the Treaty which the modernisation proposals in nowise contravene. Besides the gun elevation programme it includes the installation of deck sheathing against attack from the air, the provision of "blisters" against torpedo attack and the conversion of six coal-burning battleships to oil-fuel. As regards submarines, if foreign programmes are completed, the United States will have to build fifty thousand tons of submarines in order to attain the Treaty position. Mr. Deaby expresses concern in regard to naval aviation. Only twelve fighters employed in the past year and the equipment is practically obsolete.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S BUDGET

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON, December 10.
The annual budget recommendations were presented to Congress to-day. President Coolidge recommended the repeal of "taxes" on telegrams, telephones and amusements and a detailed report on the reduction by \$27,000,000 of the expenses of government in the next fiscal year. He estimates the cost of national defence at \$58,500,000, a reduction of \$35,000,000 compared with 1922. The \$31,000,000 proposed for expenditure on the navy comprises \$35,000,000 for naval construction, and \$15,000,000 for the air service. The War Department's expenditure of \$314,000,000 includes \$12,750,000 on the air service and \$4,750,000 on fortifications. The President notifies Congress in connection with the \$1,500,000 for prohibition enforcement that he will soon ask for more coast-guard vessels to combat rum-running.

PENSIONS AND NEGROES.

WASHINGTON, December 10.
The Department of the Interior in its annual report to the President advocates the increase of civil war pensions and suggests that pensioning should no longer be based on disability due to wounds and disease but that veterans and widows should after a certain age receive a pension adequate to fully support them. It also asks that increased facilities be given the Howard University for training Negro doctors and dentists in view of the fact that there is only one Negro doctor to 3,914 Negroes and one dentist to 20,500.

SENATE DEADLOCK.

WASHINGTON, December 10.
The Insurgents produced a deadlock in the Senate in the fight for the Chairmanship of the Commerce Committee. The Republican, Mr. Cummins received 41 votes, the Democrat, Mr. Smith, 39 and Mr. La Follette, leader of the Insurgents, 7. The vote was three short of the necessary majority. Three unsuccessful ballots were taken after which the Senate went into executive session and then adjourned without reaching a solution.

BOOK APPEAL.

GREAT BRITAIN TO HELP.

LONDON, December 10.
A large attendance of Japanese representatives and Publishers were present at a meeting presided over by Earl Balfour as President of the British Academy convened for the purpose of organising a gift of books to the Library of the Tokyo Imperial University. Earl Balfour made a sympathetic speech in the course of which he referred to a letter he had just received from the President of the University describing the calamitous losses sustained by the library and appealing for the help of fellow nations. Earl Balfour stated that the British Foreign Office invited the British Academy to undertake the task. On the motion of the High Commissioner of India, an executive Committee of the most influential possible character was constituted for the purpose of organising the effort.

UNREST IN GREECE.

DISTURBANCE IN ATHENS.

ATHENS, December 10.
A Royalist mass meeting was held in the afternoon in the ruins of Jupiter's Temple, attended by many thousands, including numbers of women, for the avowed purpose of demonstrating the people's will for the maintenance of the present regime. After speeches which were very enthusiastically received, a section of the crowd tried to rush the Ministry of War. Some guards fired and three or four persons were killed by stray bullets, including an employee of the revolutionary administration. The crowds dispersed and the city is normal.

LATER.

The official casualties are given as 7 killed and 26 injured.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

APPEAL COURT DECISION.

PARIS, December 10.
In regard to the appeal of five creditors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine the Seine Tribunal of Commerce against the confirming of the *Reglement Transactionnel* applied to the Bank, the Court of Appeal has decided that as the proposals for a *Reglement Transactionnel* were unanimously approved by the Banks' creditors in France and the Far East, the proposals should be confirmed in the private interest of creditors and the general economic interest.

ITALIAN GENERAL ELECTION.

MUSSOLINI'S MAJORITY ASSURED.

LATER.
Signor Mussolini is certain to have a majority in the General Election, which, under the new Electoral Bill gives the Fascist two-thirds of the seats in the Chamber. Mussolini appears to want his policy endorsed by the entire nation.

MEXICAN MIX-UP.

LATEST FROM THE FRONT.

BROWNVILLE (TEXAS), December 10.
Three thousand Federal troops from Monterey commanded by General Amaro, captured Victoria and are patrolling the southern part of the State of Tamaulipas.
(Other news cables will be found on page 8.)

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inequality of nationalism."
Sermons in Stone.

"An anthology might be made
of the curious 'monuments' sometimes
found carved on stones in old
churches, like the inscription in
Chalton Church, Surrey," says the
Morning Post. "Good red wax
all men and women will they be
here to be ever good to the poor
and needy."
A journey in Dorset yielded
in Osmington Church, this little
sermon in stone, written with the
brevity of a telegram.
"Man's Life. Man is a glass.
Life is a water that the weakly
walled about. Sin bridges death.
Death breaks the glass so runs
the water out. Finis."
According to Hoyle.

It was an agreeable spectacle to
witness Edmund Hoyle (the master
of whist, whose code of etiquette
for the game has been accepted for
six generations) drive up the Three
Pigeons tavern at noon in his white
hackney-coach with his emblem—the
Ace of Hearts—blazoned on the
panel, says Christopher Morley in
"The Powder of Sympathy."
Hoyle was "a man of very speech-
less humour" who was "lured into
the study of whist because it was a
silent game." Originally the game
was called "whisk" it was Mr.
Hoyle who, by his continual utter-
ance of the imperative and hushing
incomprehensible "Whist!" when gam-
ing with those whose tongues were
apt to wag irrelevantly, caused the
"diversion, at first only in sport, and
then in genuine interest to be re-
christened. The mornings he
spent in tutoring wealthy ladies in
the rudiments of the fashionable
game, this being the chief source
of his income. He was very par-
ticular, moreover, as to the stand-
ing and rank of his pupils; he was
much in demand, and could afford
to take only such students as satis-
fied his fastidious taste for youth
and beauty?"

Point of View.
Anything free is not worth hav-
ing.—Mr. Henry Ford.
Women can be silent for a very
long time when it pays them.—Mrs.
Leo Myers.

It needs more brains to prevent
a strike than to organise one.—Mr.
Benjamin M.P.

Barrow has been killed by the
Washington Agreement—there is
no doubt about it.—Sir W. Johnson
Hicks.

"It was not those who learned the
slowest in the war who were made
to suffer most.—Mr. Winston Church-
ill.

People are better educated, can
think for themselves, and generally
only for themselves.—Mr. Eric
Horne.

A man does not go to perdition
through handling a cue any more
than he is saved by sitting on
library of kitchen committees.—
Mr. Rudyard Kipling.

Three-quarters of the cases of
appendicitis arise from gluttonous
habits, and could be cured by castor
oil and a week's fasting.—Dr. Josiah
Oldfield.

Unless Germany comes to an
agreement with France by giving
her full and complete satisfaction,
she is condemned to death.—Mr.
Edouard Heilely.

Drab, inartistic homes have a bad
effect on the national spirit at the
time when it needs to be more
optimistic, resourceful, and en-
ergetic than ever.—Sir W. Open.

Nostalgia.
Down the long street the sunset
flame
Fills all the narrow sky.
And through the high, wide-
open frame
My swift thoughts homeward fly.

The chimneys and the house-roofs
stand
Jet-black against the gold
But I look out of stretches of pale
sand
Where winds blow fresh and
cold

Below me many a traveller hastes
Along his road to home
My path leads over gleaming
moor wastes
Lit by the snow-white foam.

I see the small beloved town
By clear sea-water kissed;
The harbour, the grey houses
leaning down
To waves of amethyst;

The fishing boats that poise and
dip
Like brown-winged butterflies;
I feel the salt spray blown upon
my lip,
I hear the sea-gulls' cries.

Far down the street the sunset
glows
My spirit wanders free,
Watching another sunset gold and
red
Burn over a western sea.

EVA MARTIN, in "The Window"
Magazine.

RACE GANGS FEUD.

CLASH ON RACE COURSE

A feud between rival factions of
the racing fraternity resulted
in a fracas at the race course when
last night the two factions began
members of one party started a quarrel
with a member of the opposition
in the "silver ring." Two men
going to the fight's help were set
upon by a band of about 30, and a
free fight followed, in which
hammer, spammers, and sticks
were freely used. Three men
were injured.
(The combatants dispersed and
left the course on the arrival of
police, and no arrests were made.)

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0079, from Nippon.
Toshichika, from Shanghai.
Yukawa, from Kobe.
Taka, from Kobe.
Cohen, from Kobe.
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N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

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R. M. MACALPINE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

PARKS FOR PUBLIC
VEHICLES.

The rates prescribed for public vehicles
are as follows:
In the Island of Hongkong, Cause
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Kowloon and New Kowloon.

Five minutes..... 5 cents
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MARRIAGE.

AUSTIN-NIXON.—At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on the 6th instant, Noel John Austin, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Sharnbrook, Canton, to Majorie Nixon, of Southport, Lancashire.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG TUESDAY, Dec. 11, 1923.

MR. BALDWIN.

Alliterative (or it may be illiterative) artists, have been busy with the trifling aid, and our eyes have caught the simple, "Baldwin's Bad Blunder." Had the result of the elections been other than what it is, our unknown artist might have been hard pressed to produce an effective alliteration. "Baldwin's Brains Battle" or "Baldwin Breaks Bondage" does not sound as good as the other, but doubtless other aids would have been invoked to prove the astuteness and courage of our honest premier—had he won. Previous to the election Mr. Baldwin had served to him many references which, if they left no room for doubt as to their meaning, might have been expressed differently. One journal of standing pointedly suggested that Mr. Baldwin should go back to his pig—the rearing of which is said to be a hobby of his—

and remain there. It may be that Mr. Baldwin is of more use casting his pearls before the four-footed variety than before others that could be named. It is difficult at this stage of the proceedings, and so far from the scene of action, to arrive at a fair assumption of the real cause of the General Election. Opinions differ. Some would have us believe that there were differences in the Cabinet; others that the Premier decided on the drastic course of a General Election in the face of expert advice. No less a person than the wise General Smuts whose wisdom and honesty of purpose no one questions, gave it as his considered opinion that the present was not the time to launch upon an unsettled country the issue of tariff reform and in particular that of imperial preference.

"It would," he said, "be most undesirable to raise the issue of imperial preference at such a time as the present—to throw this great apple of political discord among the people of this country at a time when, not discord, but unity is above all required; when the nation is passing through what I believe to be a very grave crisis and requires the concentration of every ounce of its strength on the gigantic task which confronts it in this country and in Europe."

If, in the face of this piece of advice, and that tendered by some of his colleagues in a similar strain,

Mr. Baldwin decided to throw this "apple of discord," he is to blame for his apparently shattered fortunes in the political world, and his obviously honest attempt to solve the intricacies of a question that have tempted subtler brains than his to solve. For, as we can see it, Mr. Baldwin is nothing if not honest. Such a quality in a politician may be fatal, but we were hoping that the British electorate would see that honesty of action is the thing that has been absent from our Home politics for a considerable time. The situation is intolerable. In a previous essay, we hoped that the outcome of the election would not be another coalition, but that either of the three parties would have a clear majority over its opponents that would enable it to tackle the Country's most pressing home problem—unemployment, and to take such steps to see that the prestige of Great Britain was re-established in the councils of the nations. A Government that is hedged between forces that can crush it by a fusion of its votes is not likely to last long. Its brief life would become a misery and a reproach. We can therefore, in the absence of definite news, only assume what the course of events is likely to be. We must assume that the country is not prepared for the vast expense and unutterable turmoil of yet another election following on the heels of the other. That means that either Mr. Baldwin will continue to govern, introducing "safe" legislation, or come to some working arrangement with the Liberal Party. As we think of the utterances of the leaders of the Labour party, we cannot get ourselves to believe that they will be willing to form an alliance with either the Conservative or the Liberal Party. If offered to them, we can well understand that they would be willing to take charge of the country's affairs, and to make their own attempt to solve some of the questions on which they have spoken so eloquently and so convincingly. The next few days will decide matters—matters full of significance for the prosperity and future of the Empire. We shall not be surprised if the wisdom and diplomacy of H.M. the King will be invoked, and a reasonable way out suggested from Royal sources. In the words of a hackneyed phrase, we must "Wait and See."

It is worthy of note that anyone, we have had no punning reference to the similarity in the word Robin to robbing by piracy. For this relief much thanks. There is a story vouched for as true by a valued correspondent in connection with the alleged robbing of the Robin—there! Twelve been and gone and done. The other day as the ship's mail was being handed to a blue jacket, the remark was made, "Well, so you've been pirated!" "We haven't noticed it," was the ready reply.

Jack's the boy for work
Jack's the boy for play
Jack's the lad, when remark's are
To drive them right away.

TRANSFIGURING
LIGHT.
Any one who has sat long over a mathematical problem involving some act of construction knows how at times the key-move to employ a chess metaphor—seems to flash out of absolute darkness. The subconscious mind seems to have brought up the solution like a pearl from dark waters invisible to the ordinary intelligence. Some thing similar is to be observed at every fresh stage of scientific advance. For thousands of years man will look on at some simple operation, such as the falling of an apple or the boiling of a kettle, without thinking it necessary to ask why. The first "why" is put; the answer is sought and found, and in a century the face of the earth is transformed by the practical application of the new knowledge. It was a genuine aspiration to demand a reason for the obvious; but to the rest of mankind it was a revelation. Intuition is swifter in action. It seems to find an answer to a question never put; it is perception not based on previous experience. What went ye into the wilderness to see? "I do not know," says the poet, "but I found this—"

Mr. Baldwin says the voter has a lot to learn.
A spur in the head is worth two in the heel.

Ann ill servant ne'er made a guide master.
A thread will tie an honest man better than a rope will a knave.
It's past jokin' when the held's aff.

Fules and bairns shouldna see half-dune work.
Langest at the fire soonest finds cauld.

If we dinna see the bottom, dinna wade far out.
"Hasty" was hanged, but "Speedie" o' foot" was awa'.

Ilka blade of grass keeps its ain drap o' dew.
A shut mouth catches na flees.
He has na as much sense as a hen could haud in her shut nieve.

A sillerless man gangs fast through the market.
A man may woo where he may, but he mair man where he weired is.

He's as a welcome as snaw in hail.
Better wear shoon than sheets.
A lass that has many wooers aft weds the worst.

Fule's hant is nae speed.

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Young Bride.

A STRANGE TONGUE

Man in Next Berth: "You can't go any where nowadays without running across some of those blinking foreigners!"

We are certainly in favour of Rotary but there must be limits to our enthusiasm. For instance we read of a meeting of Shanghai's Rotary Club at which a gentleman rejoicing in the name of "Rody" Rodcheaver "brightened" the proceedings with a trombone demonstration in the art of gospel hymn leadership. He gave selections in French, Japanese and northern and southern Chinese and showed the Rotarians how to sing "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" leading the singing with his trombone. The report significantly concludes with: "The Rotarians were much pleased with their own and Mr. Rodcheaver's efforts. From which we gather that the tiffin was a good one. Apart from that we cannot possibly imagine Hongkong Rotarians, should we ever possess any, singing, 'Brighten the corner where you are'—unless say it was a meeting of Landlord Rotarians. Broker Rotarians would doubtless sing, 'Increase the Margin on Your Shares,' or 'Wear Your Bowler Hat on Monday, Wet on Fine.' So many are so proficient in blowing their own trumpets, that a mere trombone is not necessary.

It is worthy of note that anyone, we have had no punning reference to the similarity in the word Robin to robbing by piracy. For this relief much thanks. There is a story vouched for as true by a valued correspondent in connection with the alleged robbing of the Robin—there! Twelve been and gone and done. The other day as the ship's mail was being handed to a blue jacket, the remark was made, "Well, so you've been pirated!" "We haven't noticed it," was the ready reply.

Jack's the boy for work
Jack's the boy for play
Jack's the lad, when remark's are
To drive them right away.

TRANSFIGURING
LIGHT.
Any one who has sat long over a mathematical problem involving some act of construction knows how at times the key-move to employ a chess metaphor—seems to flash out of absolute darkness. The subconscious mind seems to have brought up the solution like a pearl from dark waters invisible to the ordinary intelligence. Some thing similar is to be observed at every fresh stage of scientific advance. For thousands of years man will look on at some simple operation, such as the falling of an apple or the boiling of a kettle, without thinking it necessary to ask why. The first "why" is put; the answer is sought and found, and in a century the face of the earth is transformed by the practical application of the new knowledge. It was a genuine aspiration to demand a reason for the obvious; but to the rest of mankind it was a revelation. Intuition is swifter in action. It seems to find an answer to a question never put; it is perception not based on previous experience. What went ye into the wilderness to see? "I do not know," says the poet, "but I found this—"

Mr. Baldwin says the voter has a lot to learn.
A spur in the head is worth two in the heel.

Ann ill servant ne'er made a guide master.
A thread will tie an honest man better than a rope will a knave.
It's past jokin' when the held's aff.

Fules and bairns shouldna see half-dune work.
Langest at the fire soonest finds cauld.

If we dinna see the bottom, dinna wade far out.
"Hasty" was hanged, but "Speedie" o' foot" was awa'.

Ilka blade of grass keeps its ain drap o' dew.
A shut mouth catches na flees.
He has na as much sense as a hen could haud in her shut nieve.

A sillerless man gangs fast through the market.
A man may woo where he may, but he mair man where he weired is.

He's as a welcome as snaw in hail.
Better wear shoon than sheets.
A lass that has many wooers aft weds the worst.

Fule's hant is nae speed.

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To-day's Poem.

(The East Indian.)

John Company's ships they went their way,
They cleared and they sailed for Dead Man's Bay,
With captains gallant in blue and gold,
And bawling bosuns and seamen bold,
Pennants streaming and pipes a-twitter,
Carven sternports and guns a-row,
Flashing brasses and decks like snow—
They went their way; and the gulls they call
On London's river by old Black-wall,
And the winds they blow and the tides they run,
The same to-day as they've always done;
But they are gone like a tale that's told—
John Company's ships of the days of old.

—C. FOX-SMITH.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 11.

1660. Though the weather was very bad and the wind high, yet my Lady Batten and her maid and we two did go by our barge to Woolwich.—Pepys.

RETROSPECT.

How different is the view of past life, in the man who is grown old in knowledge and wisdom, from that of him who is grown old in ignorance and folly? The latter is like the owner of a barren country, that fills his eye with the prospect of naked hills and plains, which produce nothing either profitable or ornamental; the other beholds a beautiful and spacious landscape, divided into delightful gardens, green meadows, fruitful fields, and can scarce cast his eye upon a single spot of his possession, that is not covered with some beautiful plant or flower.

—ADDISON.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 11.—Coronet Theatre; "Way Down East."
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December 12.—15.—Theatre Royal, Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presents the famous Robot Play "THE RUR" SPORT.

December 11.—Lecture on Christian Science, in Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

December 15.—Dance at Peak Club.

December 18.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society, Grand Concert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

December 12.—Lammert Bros., a large selection of toys, at Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

December 13.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

December 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a fine selection suit lengths, silks and tailor's sundries, 11 a.m.

December 21.—Lammert Bros., property, machinery plant and tanning chemicals of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
December 12.—Hongkong Jockey Club, half-yearly general meeting, in the Board Room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., 5 p.m.; extraordinary general meeting, 5.15 p.m.

December 18 and January 4.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited, at 5, Queen's Road Central, Noon.

December 20.—Fifth ordinary meeting of the China Light Power Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.40 p.m.

The next Criminal Sessions are to be held on Monday, January 7.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., on the 1st inst. took over the management of the Kafee Hotel, Shanghai.

Typhoid fever is prevalent in Minling, a total of 27 cases and one death being registered in three days last week.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange on London is 2/3½, on Shanghai 69½.

Colonel and Mrs. Robertson arrived in the Colony recently by the "Glenapp."

The silk which left here by the "P. & O." s.s. "Nellora" on Nov. 6th was delivered in Marseilles on Nov. 9th.

The China Mail acknowledges receipt of a very attractive calendar for 1924 from Messrs. Gande Price and Co. Ltd.

An assistant locomotive superintendent is required for the Federated Malay States Government Railway for three years, with possible permanency.

The Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd., declared a dividend at the rate of 2s. per share free of income tax payable 5th January. Bearer Coupon to be presented No. 42.

A sale of work by the girls of the Blind Home, Kowloon, is to be held to-morrow on the lawn of St. Andrew's Vicarage, Kowloon. If the weather is wet, the sale will be held in the Vicarage.

In three suit-cases on the s.s. "Angkor" which arrived from Shanghai yesterday, the police found two revolvers and 300 rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made, but the contraband was seized.

Five boatpeople were fined two dollars apiece by Lieut-Comander Conway Hake R.N.R., sitting as Marine Magistrate this morning, for using grappling gear on the harbour bed near the man-of-war anchorage.

With reference to the report of the recovery of a hat belonging to a member of the H.A.P.S., as reported in yesterday's issue of the China Mail, it was erroneously stated that Mr. Chan Kwok-ying was the Hon. Secy. of the H.A.P.S.

"Way Down East" at the Coronet, has exceeded all expectations in the matter of attendance, and during the week-end hundreds of people have had to be turned away. It has therefore been decided to extend its stay for another two days.

In a newly-opened tin of pineapple, a small boy at Hornsey saw two tiny animals, not unlike mice, but with longer snouts, floating in the juice of the fruit. One of the creatures was sent to the Zoo, where an official identified it as a baby shrew of a kind common in the neighbourhood of Singapore.

A notification from Rangoon posted up at the Harbour office states that a new island measuring approximately 2,000 feet N. and S., 100 feet E. and W., and 30 feet high, has been observed 8.4 miles S. 3 deg. E. (true) from Baronga Point on the spot marked volcanic 1914. A long spit, which is awash, extends one mile north of it and in that vicinity the sea is breaking heavily.

An American boatswain named A. Anderson, of the Struthers and Barry line, was fatally injured on Saturday on the s.s. "West Sequana." His coat was caught between the gears of the windlass as the anchor was being raised and he was drawn towards the engine with his thigh between the gears. The Agent, Mr. A. E. Francke, and the chief officer rendered help and the unfortunate man was freed and taken to hospital where he died later.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lady Stubbs arrived in the s.s. "Patroclus" to-day.

Mr. P. Kremer, French Consul, and Mrs. Kremer left to-day by the French Mail s.s. "Angkor."

Last night H. E. the Governor was present at the A. D. C. performance at the City Hall. He was accompanied by Viscountess Jellicoe and by Vice-Admiral Frochot.

The Italian Opera Co., will present "Faust" at the Star to-night. The programmes for the last two days of the season are given in response to popular request. "Mignon" is due to-morrow, and the farewell performance will be "Traviata" for which we understand there has been good booking already.

RHYMES OF HONGKONG.

The gentleman you see, my son,
Did not make a wunt-million.
(As would be thought by anyone,
And as you'll find, I fear, is done)
In the Navy, as a Stoker
Not at Poker, with the Joker
Of his sleeve, not as a smoker
Of silk in yellow ochre,
The tobacco-testing smoker,
But simply is a Broker
And do you have a gun?

THOM.

REELS.

"I have been teaching my Shanghai friends—even Scots—how to dance the Highland dances."
—MARMADUKE SMITH.

Come hither Jean and quietly watch,
While the sets booch, chasseez,
and wheel,
The man who is teaching the Shanghai Scotch

How to dance the Eightsome Reel.

1.

He wiana born in a Hielan glen;
Hauch, corrie or brue he disna ken;
The only Ben he's seen's a clock
That booms the time o' day.
He's never met the Celtic Stock
That croun abuns Loch Tay.
No beather aprons from out his
hair;

Gaelic and Doric he'll agree
Don't fit his mouth.
He's far from South.
His name is Marmaduke and
there's

No truer Sassenach than he.

2.

Nor was the tartan's gay romance
The lure that coaxed the lad to
France.
He humbly fought his country's
foes

In homely kilti slacks.
The kilt, the sporran and the hose
He left to Jocks and Macs.
He knew that male-knees naked
worn
Can charm the roaming female
eye,
But yet he thought

A patriot ought.
If in an English home he's born,
In English clothes he's proud to
die.

3.

He never thirsts for deoch or nip,
He says that golf gives him the pip,
Would not eat haggis to save his
life!

The pipes he frankly loathes.
There's nothing Scotch about his
wife.

Nor home spun in his clothes.
He bangs his saxepe lund

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The Rome parliament is to prorogue. It is expected a dissolution will follow.

Seven persons were drowned by the capsizing of a ferry-boat at Hekendorp in Holland.

An appeal for books has been made for the Library at the Imperial University, Tokyo.

The trial of Lord Alfred Douglas on a charge of libelling Mr. Winston Churchill has begun.

The Lawn Tennis Association has agreed to a "seeding draw" for the Wimbledon championships.

President Coolidge has sent to the Senate the nomination of Mr. Frank Kellogg to be Ambassador to Britain.

Many thousands attended a mass meeting of Royalists at Athens in favour of the maintenance of the present regime.

A deadlock has been reached in the election of a Chairman of the Commerce Committee in the American Senate.

An influential committee has been appointed to deal with the appeal of the Tokyo Imperial University for books.

Conservative opinion is hardening against the idea of Mr. Baldwin resigning. He has had an audience with the King.

Seven persons were drowned at Hekendorp near Gouda by the capsizing of a ferryboat wherein they were being conveyed across the river to Church.

The American Budget proposals cover a variety of matters, including repeal of certain taxes, and a request for costguard vessels to combat rum-running.

A recommendation has been made for the appropriation of \$30,000,000 (G) for the purpose of carrying out a programme of fleet organisation for the American navy.

Senator Len Root has introduced into the Senate a resolution providing for the entrance of the United States into a world court "after it is completely divorced from the League of Nations."

The Bank Court of Appeal has decided that the proposals in connection with the Banque Industrielle de Chine should be confirmed "in the private interest of creditors and the general economic interest."

The Dutch Consulate has assigned two Admiralty lawyers to investigate the circumstances connected with the seizure of the "Zeeland" by coastguards off Fire Island on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

From January 1 next American fishing vessels will only be allowed to enter Canadian Atlantic ports for the purpose of repairs, and obtaining supplies of wood and water. America refuses to reciprocate in other directions, hence this drastic order.

"R. U. R."

ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS.

"R. U. R." continued its triumphant progress at the Theatre Royal last night. The big audience, which included His Excellency the Governor, Viscountess Jellicoe and Vice-Admiral Proctor, was most enthusiastic in its reception of the piece as whole and many of the artists were applauded individually.

Those who had felt that "R. U. R." was something altogether too ambitious for the crowd of Hongkong amateurs to attempt must have come away with a decidedly enhanced opinion of the A.D.C.'s capabilities. The tastefulness and effectiveness of the setting were equalled only by the extraordinary ingenuity displayed in producing the "noises off" which are an essential part of the play.

The next performance (there are to be only four) will be a matinee to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

Taking part in a game of street football near the old electric light station at Hekendorp, a Chinese boy did not notice the approach of motor bus No. 650 (Kai Tak Co.) and was slightly injured in the head.

At about ten o'clock this morning, a Chinese woman was accidentally struck by a motor car owned by the Motor Car Co. in which she was taken to hospital.

NEW BUILDING LAW.

CHINESE CHAMBER HOLD MEETING.

CHINESE DISSATISFIED AND PROTEST.

Amidst the proposed house building ordinance which, it is stated, will affect a great many Chinese houses if it becomes law, and details of which have been published in the *Gazette*, of November 30, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held an extraordinary meeting this afternoon.

Mr. Li Bo-kuai, president and was supported by Mr. Ho Kwong, vice-chairman and Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, secretary.

Amongst the gathering were noticed the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Messrs. Chan Suk-ki, F. N. Chau, Tsang Foo, Wong Kam-ying, Lo Chung-kui, Choy Hing, Li Wing-kwong, Simon Tse Yan, Pong Wai-ting, Wong Kwong-tin, Chan, Pek-chuen and Fung Ping-shan.

In his opening announcement, the Chairman mentioned that if the bill was passed, the reservation from houses to be built would take away too large a portion for open space at the back and the scavenging lane.

The secretary then proceeded to read the old bill and new clauses and explained the differences to the meeting.

To illustrate the point Mr. Ip pointed out that in houses on land 50 feet deep, which were the most common in the Colony, 6 feet would be deducted for the scavenging lane, 14 feet 8 inches for open space and 3 feet for the front and rear walls. Excluding the kitchen, the accommodation proper would only be about 21 feet deep.

Mr. Ip referred to the difficulty of providing staircases, latrines and kitchens in the reduced space. There were, he said, rows of houses in Lee Yuen Street East, Fat Hing Street, Jervois Street and Queen's Road which were already too small to permit of such drastic reduction.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall sent a letter asking to be excused from attendance for the discussion of the Bill and proposed reservations mentioned in the Housing Commission Report.

The Hon. Mr. Chow said that in company with Mr. Kotewall, he had seen the S.C.A., the Attorney-General and Colonial Secretary. He had pointed out the hardship to property-owners and inconvenience to house-holders. The Government had promised to adjourn the first reading of the Bill. He understood some of the owners proposed getting up a petition. If in the interval, they would get together and inform him of their views, he would present their case to the Government. Mr. Chow also mentioned that the Government had twice brought the proposals forward and had adjourned same.

Mr. Ho Kwong expressed the opinion that, owners were unanimous in a desire to have the Bill rescinded. His main argument was that there was no stipulation in "old" leases. If a cubicle was to be taken off each flat, accommodation would be seriously reduced.

In 1903, the Government ordered one-third for open spaces. In 1923 it is one half. What is to prevent it being three-quarters in 1943 and the whole lot in 1963?

Mr. Ho brought out some data which included an old petition by local architects pointing out that provision for lanes should be borne by the Government and that conditions were entirely different at Home.

Referring to the views expressed by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy as published in yesterday's *China Mail*, Mr. Ho said that he sincerely believed that the whole of Hongkong differed from Mr. Creasy.

Mr. M. K. Lo then asked for information as to the Government putting back the proposals on two previous occasions.

(Proceeding.)

JOCKEY CLUB.

TO-MORROW EVENING'S MEETING.

Regarding the resolutions which are being brought forward at the Hongkong Jockey Club's half-yearly meeting to-morrow evening, the *China Mail* learns that the members who have framed these resolutions intend taking an entirely friendly attitude and do not, as some members have the idea, intend advocating any changes among the stewards. The *China Mail* has been further assured that the members who have framed the resolution fully realise that the past and present status of the stewards should be maintained. The members framing the resolutions are anxious that this should be clearly understood as they feel that a false impression appears to have got abroad regarding their real intentions, which they claim, have been entirely friendly from the start. The resolutions are being heard in this issue.

"G.C." OLD BOYS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association took place last evening, Mr. U. Rumiha, Vice-President, presiding.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the financial position of the Association was quite sound, showing a balance of \$5,966.67, an increase of about \$2,000 over last year. The handsome balance spoke eloquently of the good work done during the year by Messrs. Tang Shu-sham and C. Choa, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Chairman thanked the Membership Campaign Sub-Committee who had helped to "rope in" many life members and also the various sub-committees responsible for the arrangements for the last annual reunion dinner. There were perhaps some past pupils of the College who had not been approached by the Membership Campaign Sub-Committee and to these gentlemen he extended a cordial invitation to join the Association. The Scholarship Fund raised by the Association was still open and he hoped members would further show their loyalty and gratitude to their "Alma Mater" by increasing this fund.

The Chairman concluded by referring to the small attendance at the meeting which he said, "is not at all encouraging to the executives of the Association." The annual report and accounts were then passed on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hung Chiu-leung.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Sir Robert Ho Tung; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. B. Tanne and U. Rumiha; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs. H. C. Hunt and C. Choa; General Committee, Messrs. A. B. Rumiha, H. C. Hunt, C. Choa, Chow Ping-ün, S. M. Churn, J. F. Grose, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, H. K. Hung, W. Kay, Lo Man-hin, Tang Shu-sham, Lo Tung-fan, Tse Ching-fang and Hung Hing-fat. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE.

THE draw for the Captain's Cup 1923 has been posted in the usual Club Houses for the information of competitors. PERRY SMITH, BETH & FLEMING, Secretaries and Treasurers. Hongkong, 11th December, 1923.

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NOTICE.

COUPONS

ON and after 18th December 1923 Books of Coupons will not be sold on the Cars but will be obtainable only at the Company's Office, Alexandra Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

PUNCH TICKETS

Owners of Punch Tickets are warned that these will not be valid after 15th December 1923 and will not be accepted on the Cars after that date.

Punch Tickets may, however, be returned to the Company's Office when a coupon of the same Class, or the cash equivalent of a Coupon of the same Class, will be given in exchange for each unused ticket.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 11th December, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship.

"COLORADO"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 14th December, 1923, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 21st December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED. General Agents. Hongkong, 11th December, 1923.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 16th December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 22nd December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 18th December, 1923, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th of December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 18th December, 1923, at 10 a.m.

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"DEVANHA"	8,082	14th Dec. Midnight	MARSHALLS, L'don & A'worp.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	25th Dec. Midnight	B'bay, M'Bay, G'ib. L'don & A'worp.
1924			
"KHIVA"	9,007	13th Jan.	MARSHALLS, and London Via usual Ports of Call.
"MACEDONIA"	11,680	26th Jan.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	9th Feb.	do.
"MORRA"	10,811	23rd Feb.	do.
"KARNATA"	9,068	8th Mar.	do.
"NADDERA"	15,873	22nd Mar.	do.
"KHIVBER"	9,014	5th Apr.	do.
"OHINA"	7,952	19th Apr.	do.
"KALVAN"	9,118	3rd May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,880	17th May	do.
"KHIVA"	9,007	31st May	do.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,958	13th Dec. at 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	6,949	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	2nd Feb.	do.
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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MACEDONIA"	11,680	13th Dec. at 10 a.m.	S'hai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	26th Dec.	S'hai, Moji and Kobe.
"TOKIWA"	12,916	29th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHIWA"	8,813	5th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	8th Jan.	Moji and Kobe.
"MORRA"	10,811	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,068	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BOUDAN"	6,896	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVBER"	9,014	2nd Feb.	Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVBER"	15,873	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KASHMIR"	8,880	4th Apr.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.

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CANTON CUSTOMS. STATEMENT BY DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

CLAIMS RIGHT TO CONTROL.

The China Mail has received the following wire from the office of the Canton Generalissimo, Dr. Sun Yat-sen:—

Canton, December 10, 1923.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen has authorised the publication of the following statement on the question of the Customs surplus:—
"The disorders and invasions organised and financed by the Chihli Party through the Peking Government, which is its tool, have prevented me from carrying out the work of reconstruction on which I had decided when I returned to Canton last February."

"It is clear that the Chihli Party will persist in its destructive policy as long as that policy can be financed out of surplus national revenues, released to it through Peking by the Foreign Powers."
"These surplus national revenues are made up partly of moneys which can hardly be expected to happen before Thursday at the earliest—the Consul for Panama, as well as the Dutch Consul-General, will go aboard with the police to make investigations."

"If there is to be peace and order in Kwangtung, further payment of Kwangtung Customs revenues to the Chihli Party must cease. My Government, therefore, intends to assert its right to control the application of these revenues, and it will require the Inspector-General of Customs and the Customs Commissioner at Canton—who, being servants of the Chinese Government—are, with respect to Kwangtung, under and subject to the order of my Government—to hold all Customs revenues collected within its territory at the disposal of Government, so long as the Customs revenues from the rest of China are sufficient to meet the foreign commitments charged on the Customs."
"The Foreign Powers have no right to intervene in this matter because there is an annual surplus of millions of dollars from Customs revenues, collected at ports outside of the territory of my Government, even after providing for the service of foreign debts secured on the Customs."

"There is not, and never has been any treaty conferring on the Foreign Powers, collectively or individually, the right to interfere with the Chinese Maritime Customs (which is first and last a Chinese Government Service) so long as default is not made in the service of foreign obligations charged thereon. Indeed, it is admitted by the Foreign Powers that the disposal and application of the Customs surplus is wholly a Chinese internal question."

"Even under the existing system of semi-control of Customs revenues by Foreign Powers—which, it cannot be too strongly emphasised, is not authorised by any treaty, but is simply an extra-treaty procedure imposed by the Foreign Powers—no reasonable objection can be taken to the course which my Government has resolved to follow in order to prevent the Chihli Party from further financing disorder and war in my native province."
"I have to add that my Government is willing to undertake that, in the event of the Customs revenues from the rest of China being insufficient to meet foreign obligations, it will make good any deficit to the extent of the Customs revenues received by it from time to time."

WHAT A TRAVELLER HAS TO TELL.

"When I saw the Hongkong papers a few days ago with the statement that Marines had been landed from foreign warships in Canton," said a well-known Hongkong resident to a China Mail representative this morning, "I wondered where the news came from."

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "the mere fact of the Powers interfering, must be absurd on the face of it."

Asked to explain this apparent problem, our informant pointed out that the agreement made between the Powers and China with regard to the Customs revenue, was a pact with Peking—therefore whatever Canton did or did not do, was purely an internal matter of China, which Peking had to decide. He continued:—"The fact remains that though the papers in Hongkong and even Reuters' agent in Canton has stated that troops were landed, people, like myself who live there have no knowledge of the alleged fact, any more than the Customs officers who surely ought to know."

"Presumably," he continued, "the statement was circulated by pro-Sun agents and gained popular belief because the local British naval authorities refused to give out any official statement."

"The only serious news from Canton," concluded the interviewee, "is that an armistice of ten days has been agreed upon between the opposing forces."

REPORTED MUTINY. GERMAN SHIP IN TROUBLE.

A reported mutiny on the a.s. "Paul Regenzanz" of the German Rickmers line, has been occupying the attention of the harbour and police authorities during the last few days.

Last Thursday, a wireless message received by the Dutch Consul-General, who is at present acting as the Consul-General for Germany, stated that a mutiny had broken out aboard the ship and that she was making for Hongkong with the mutineers aboard. The vessel was stated then to be midway between Singapore and Hongkong and yesterday she was reported to be about 100 miles away.

This morning the Harbour Office got a message to the effect that the fires had been allowed to go out and consequently the vessel had drifted and was now about 400 miles distant. The "Paul Regenzanz" is now stated to be under the Panama flag, but her crew are Germans. When she does arrive—which can hardly be expected to happen before Thursday at the earliest—the Consul for Panama, as well as the Dutch Consul-General, will go aboard with the police to make investigations.

BILLIARDS.

At the V.R.C. last night, the Catholic Union Club won three straight games at billiards against the Hongkong Police Recreation Club. The scores follow:—
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INTERPORT RUGBY. LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

FIRST TRIAL MATCH ON THURSDAY.

A meeting at which a goodly number were present was held in Jardine's Board Room last evening to discuss the arrangements for the visit of the Shanghai Interport Rugby Team. Mr. W. Logan presided.

The Chairman intimated that a telegram had been received from the Shanghai Rugby Football Club accepting the invitation extended to send an Interport side to Hongkong. The telegram gave the probable date of arrival as January 1st. Proceeding, Mr. Logan said that this was the first time that Hongkong had received a visit from the Shanghai Rugby team and having regard to the lavish hospitality extend by Shanghai to Hongkong team, in other branches of sport, it was incumbent on Hongkong to make the visit as successful as possible.

It was resolved to form various committees to make the necessary arrangements and the following gentlemen were elected:—
Selection Committee:—Mr. H. G. Hegarty (convener), Dr. MacGowan, Mr. Minett, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson and Mr. Forsyth.

Finance, Housing and Entertainment Committee:—Mr. W. Logan (convener), Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, Lieut. Commander Douglas Hamilton, Mr. R. L. Moncreiff, Mr. J. Keston, and Mr. V. R. Jones (Hon. Treasurer).
Match Committee:—Mr. H. R. Forsyth, (convener), Mr. S. J. Jordan, Mr. A. C. P. Bowker, Mr. H. C. MacTavish, Lieut. C. E. P. Menzies, and Lieut. E. L. E. Davies.
A match between two Club teams has been arranged for 5.15 p.m., on Thursday the 13th inst., on the Club grounds. The Selection Committee will be there in full force and the initial selections will probably be made on this game. "Scrimmage" will be present disguised as a touch flag but the Selection Committee will have to wait until Friday's issue of this paper for his advice.

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MANILA	YUENSANG	Sat. 15th Dec. 11 a.m.
HARBOUR via HOIHOW	CHONGSHING	Sun. 16th Dec. 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	FATSHING	Sun. 16th Dec. 7 a.m.
TSINGTAI via SWATOW and SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Tues. 18th Dec. 7 a.m.
SWATOW via SWATOW	WINGSANG	Sun. 23rd Dec. 7 a.m.
SANDAKIN	HINGSANG	Wed. 24th Dec. 1 p.m.
Kobe	NAMSANG	Wed. 24th Dec. Noon
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	CHUNSHANG	Fri. 25th Dec. 10 a.m.
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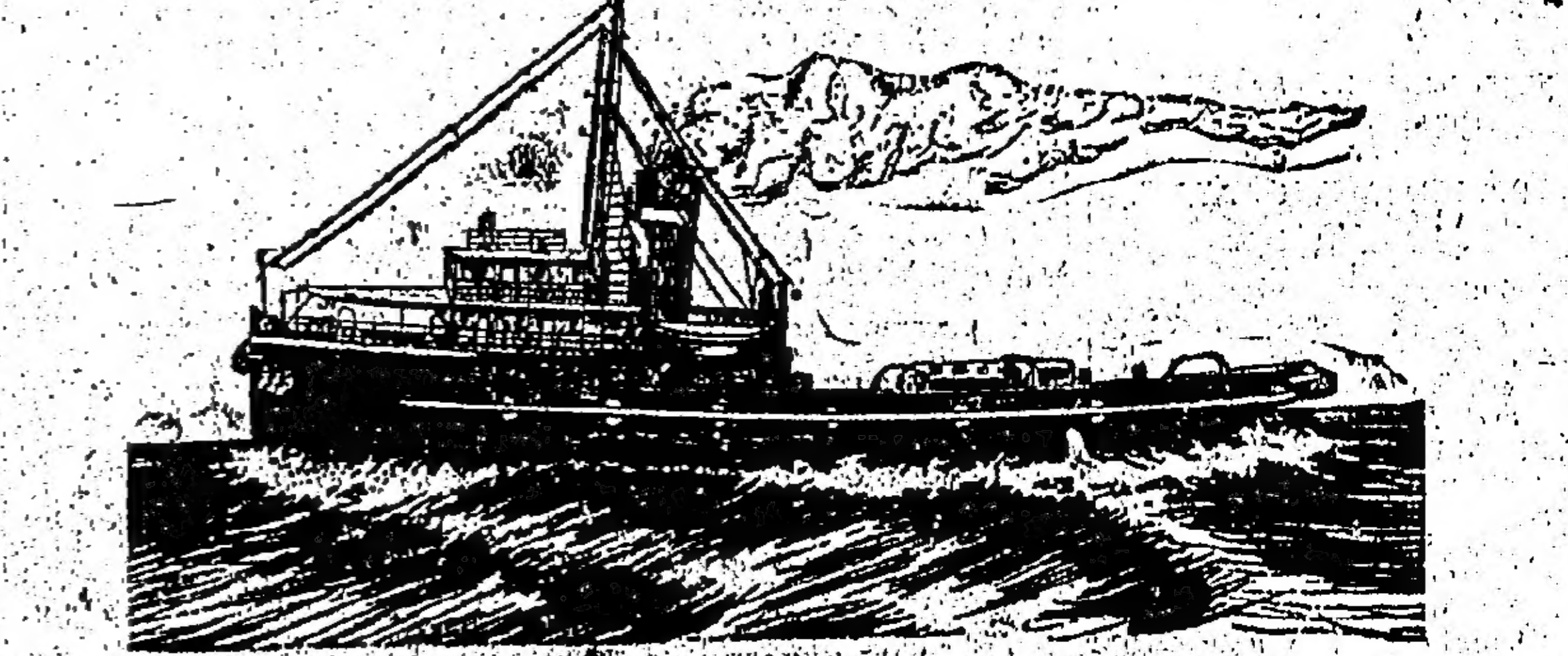
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AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL.

PARIS, December 10.
On the motion of the Japanese representative (Professor Nitobe) the International Commission for Intellectual Co-operation is appealing to universities, literary and scientific bodies and private persons throughout the world to give books to restore the foreign collections of the library of the Imperial University at Tokyo which were destroyed by fire after the earthquake. They suggest that books be sent to the Japanese Embassies in the respective countries.—*Reuter.*

WIMBLEDON TENNIS.

"SEEDING DRAW" DECISION.

LONDON, December 10.
The annual general meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association unanimously adopted the proposal of the Council in regard to a "seeding draw" for the Wimbledon championships whereby overseas nominees of the same country so drawn will not meet until the later stages. Each nation is entitled to nominate four players for "seeding".—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN FORCE CONVERGING.

SUPPLIED WITH ARMS.

PEKING, December 10.
Foreign telegrams report that the Northern forces are progressing towards Chungking.

General Yang Sen, who is leading the Szechuan, Kwelchow, Chihli and Hupeh forces has reached Fengtushien, while his main force has occupied Chungchow. In the meantime, the Kwelchow column, commanded by General Yuan Tsu Ming, is also marching on Chungking. The column has reached Tienkang and Linshui which places have been occupied.

The Northern armies are well supplied with arms and ammunition, whereas the defenders are short of both.

While the photograph of General Lin Tsung-hsi, who was recently driven towards the Shenai border by the Szechuanese forces, is unknown, it is believed that he is leading a band of about 10,000 men towards Chungking.—*Reuter.*

CANADIAN "PROHIBITION."

AMERICAN VESSEL RESTRICTION.

OTTAWA, December 11.
From January 1, United States fishing vessels may only enter the Canadian Atlantic ports for shelter, repairs, wood and water. This is the purpose of an official memorandum "announcing the discontinuance on December 31 of the *modus vivendi* whereunder American fishers used Canadian ports for the purpose of purchasing bait, and transshipping catch to home ports. The principal reason ascribed for the denunciation of the agreement is that America not only refused to grant reciprocity regarding Canadian vessels but imposed additional duties on Canadian fish for American markets.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN POLITICS.

MUSSOLINI STANDS ON HIS DIGNITY.

ROME, December 10.
The Cabinet has unexpectedly decided to prorogue Parliament which is expected to be followed by a dissolution. It is explained that Signor Mussolini considered it beneath his dignity to accept an offer of full authority from an Assembly which did not enjoy the confidence of the nation, preferring to prorogue.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

FORMER RESIDENT.

News has reached the Colony of the passing away on November 3 at Bournemouth, Hampshire, of Mr. H. E. Stringer who served in the Army Ordnance Depot for twenty-five years. Mr. Stringer was well known in the Colony where he had resided for a period of 40 years. He was diligent in Masonic work and was at one time Master of the United Lodge, and was also a member of the S. G. W. of the United Grand Lodge. He took a keen interest in the work of the S. G. W. and was a well-known figure in the Colony.—*Reuter.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

SWEET CHARITY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—One notices with feelings far from pleasant, the continued practice of overloading our newspapers with the names of those who have assisted in charitable functions. The latest in the Ministering Children's League which is an annual event of no little consequence in the affairs of the Colony. But, Sir, it does seem to me that we are getting away from the true secret of the virtue of charitable work when we not only let our right hand know what our left hand is doing, but proclaim it to the world at large. Doubtless "old custom" has been followed, and some hard-working person has again been put to it to compile these lists of workers, fearful lest he or she should leave out this name and that name, knowing how well the lists will be scanned. Surely, Sir, it should not be considered a virtue to have assisted in this way some of our residents do; they surely find a joy in it, which should in itself be its own reward. And as we are, presumably, an enlightened community, the publicity I have referred to, should cease. An omnibus vote of thanks—"to all who helped"—should meet the case, and I hope the Committee of the Ministering Children's League will take its courage in its hands, and adopt the course I have suggested.

I apologise to you, Sir, and to any who may have cause to be offended by these remarks—which are penned with no such object in view.

Yours, etc.,

A WORKER.

Hongkong, December 10.

ITALIAN OPERA

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—In response to their request for opinion as regards the arrangement of their programme for the coming Wednesday and Thursday nights, may I put forward some suggestions which I think are in the minds of many, through the valuable medium of your correspondence column to the management of the Italian Opera Company.

I have been quite a regular attendant to the performances of the company both this season and in their previous ones. To my knowledge, which is none the less correct, in the present stay so far such an excellent soprano as Miss Delza has only appeared twice, that is in "Lucia di Lammermoor" and "Rigoletto." There is no doubt whatever judging from the ovations she received and the encores she had to give in the present and previous seasons when she appeared that she is the most popular of the sopranos of the company. If in the last two performances the company is able to arrange to present plays in which she will appear, I will not be surprised that many of the "opera fans" will be turned out because of the crowded state of the house.

There is no intention here of under-rating the other members of the company. The voices are excellent, and orchestra music superb, such as we do not have the pleasure of hearing very often in the colony. But there is no need of my praising their various merits; they are too well known and the very popularity of the company is the sufficient and true evidence of their unusual excellence.

Thanking you very much,

I am,

Yours truly,

T. S. W.

Hongkong, December 10.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE LUCK OF GERALDINE LAIRD."

Small town girls who aspire to the New York stage, after their friends have given them lavish praise for their work in the "home talent" show do "get across" sometimes, as for instance, Bessie Barricella, who is the heroine of "The Luck of Geraldine Laird"—the Robertson-Cole Superior picture which is now playing at the World Theatre. This girl of Stockham, N.Y., a small place, went on at a church bazaar, and did a "bit" called a "linguistic bombardment" which was warmly applauded by her friends.

Mrs. Laird played by Bessie Barricella is seen by a New York theatrical manager, who cannot forget her, and who finds her later in New York, where she has moved. There he gives her a chance to go on in his musical review, and do the "bit" in which she made such a hit back in her home town.

Miss Barricella is supported by Miss Welch, William Mong, Rosetta Mariani, and by Mary Jane Irving and Theo. Alice Carpenter, who in her last performance, was a most successful child actor.

Do You Dream the Night?

Combs and Collier's new play to be produced at the World Theatre, is a most interesting and dramatic story, and is a most successful child actor.

HUGE TRAFFIC.

OPIUM PRODUCTION IN CHINA.

Mr. W. H. G. Aspland, M.D., Secretary of the International Anti-Opium Association, Peking, contributes the following to the *Manchester Guardian*.

At the recent session of the League of Nations Opium Committee, Mr. Chu, a Chinese representative, stated that "the Government of the Republic of China would never, under any circumstances, sanction the production of opium in China, and the present recrudescence of opium was due to the lack of control over certain provinces. The rumour which had been circulated regarding the establishment of an opium monopoly by the Chinese Government was absolutely untrue, and that Government would never recede from the position which it had taken up in 1917, when the final prohibition of cultivation had been carried out."

This is excellent reading, and expresses the judgment of the best minds in China. That the present opium recrudescence is not the will of the Central Government, nor of patriotic leaders, does not require stating, it is widely known. Yet China in 1905 produced nearly 30,000 tons of opium. In 1917 the production was practically nil. To-day it cannot be much if any less than half of the growth of 1905.

ENORMOUS TRAFFIC.

It is of little purpose to apportion the responsibility for this recrudescence—we know it only too well. Whilst the Central Government is opposed to relegalisation, at least eight provinces have established partial or complete monopolies under military and civil authority. Smuggling combines on a gigantic scale, working with official connivance, are known in many parts of the land. Heavy taxation on poppy land, transit taxes for sales permits, opium smoking denunciations, and taxes on individual pipes in these dens, together with heavy fines on those attempting traffic in opium independent of the combine of the local monopoly, are the sources of revenue which support military campaigns or all the coffers of those fighting for personal political ends.

The traffic is enormous, as evidenced by the Yunnan monopoly combine endeavouring to export 400 tons of opium to North China and succeeding in getting away with 150 tons before diplomatic action stopped further export; military escorts conveying as many as 120 carloads on a single occasion in Hunan; the raising of upwards of \$300,000 by poppy taxes in one district in Anhwei province; the recent seizure, but final release, of over a million dollars' worth of opium found in fishing-boats at Woosung; the tons of opium coming down the river from Szechuan and Kweichow, together with an almost unprecedented cheap sale of opium to individuals; smuggling has lost its meaning because of its openness and the ease with which it is carried on under the very eyes and often with the connivance of officials.

OFFICIAL CONNIVANCE.

Governors, generals, officials, civil and military, and police officers, by whom the laws against opium should be enforced, are either themselves addicted to its use or are fattening upon its traffic and production. Christian communities have protested against the compulsory cultivation of opium imposed upon them by the men appointed to maintain the law against it. The opium recrudescence of the last five years is not primarily the initiative of the people, except in brigand areas, but that of officials of all grades, and on them alone rests the responsibility.

The League of Nations Opium Advisory Committee has recently passed a resolution "that a committee be formed to consider the Government of the Republic of China to bring about a suppression of the illegal production and use of opium in China."

The problem is both stupendous and yet simple. With a unified country and a strong Central Government, total prohibition can again be accomplished with almost the same ease as the stroke of the late Dowager Empress's vermilion pencil accomplished the first prohibition, but the stupendous factor is the present disruption and the virtual provincial independence. All provincial rule is despotic, and little can be counted on from the voice of the people.

What can the Committee propose? If another Shanghai Conference could be called, and if publicity be again given to China's present opium condition, provincial rule, both civil and military, might be shamed into prohibitive action. Otherwise, everything must wait until a Central Government regains her lost control. In the meantime the borders of the Republic are enlivened by the

ABNORMAL CRIME.

YESTERDAY'S UNUSUAL LIST.

QUEEN'S ROAD PICKPOCKET.

Yesterday and last night formed a busy day for the Hongkong police, as an abnormal number of larcenies, thefts, robberies, were notified.

Mr. B. Hager, a passenger on the s.s. "President Jackson," made a report to the Central Station that his pocket was picked as he was walking under the veranda on Queen's Road Central. He missed a gold watch and fob which he valued at \$100.

On opening up "shop" at about 6.30 this morning, the clerk at the Kowloon-Canton Railway booking office on the Hongkong "Star" Ferry wharf, discovered that the place had been broken into during the night. The loss there comprised \$10 in money and a coat.

The police are dubious concerning the report made by a shop fohi from No. 307, Des Vaux Road Central. His story was to the effect that he was robbed of a large sum in daylight outside the Sun Co.'s premises. He had been to the Chartered Bank to cash two cheques, and according to him, two men threw pepper into his eyes. Bank-notes amounting to \$1,700 is said to have been stolen.

ROBBERY ON MAINLAND.

From Shamshing comes the report that a highway robbery was committed at the junction of Bedford and Lai-chikok Roads. A married woman, returning to her home at Tai-po Market, was held up and relieved of \$140. There were two footpads.

KOWLOON DOCKS' EPISODE.

Details were not available this morning of an alleged attempted robbery on a sampan near the Kowloon Docks at Hunghom. In the small hours of this morning, three men are believed to have gone to the sampan to commit a robbery. The deduction is that the owner was quick enough to raise an alarm, whereupon the miscreants jumped into the water. It is also stated that one man was dragged out of the water by one of the Docks watchmen, who discovered him slithering and hiding in a corner.

DECORATIONS TAKEN THIEVES.

Leung Hon, shipping manager, of No. 2, Ivy Street, Mongkoktsui, was surprised yesterday afternoon by three men who had been papering a rear cubicle in his flat. They suddenly emerged and produced a short fire-arm and two daggers. A counterpane was then used to cover the heads of the inmates. The "swag" here consisted of property valued at \$593.

MAN UNDER BRIDE'S BED.

An interesting version of an armed robber being found several hours after an alarm had been raised, hiding under a bride's bed is unofficially related in connection with the robbery at No. 2, Tsing Kai Lane, Wanchai, on Friday morning.

Of the four members of the gang, one escaped. The police allege that two were arrested after a street chase and the story being that the third man in custody was turned out of the adjoining house, some time in the afternoon. After the hubbub had died down, the man is said to have emerged from under the bed of a bride's cubicle, whereupon her mother-in-law is said to have suspected his bona fides. She insisted on turning him out of the flat and the noise is thought to have attracted the police who took the man into custody.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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COMMERCIAL NOTES.

BIG DEMAND FOR LAUNCHES.

CANTON TRADE CONDITION.

There is at present, a great demand for steam-launches in Canton. A Chinese merchant who came down during the week-end, has been negotiating for the hire of three and is prepared to pay as much as \$40 Canton currency, per day, exclusive of coal, stores and wages.

He informed a *China Mail* man that the demand for launches was due to their being needed to replace junk, speed being necessary on account of the danger from pirates. Another reason was the requisitioning of launches by the military, thus reducing the number available for commerce. He also stated that a harvest awaited launches flying foreign flags and under foreign registry.

Commenting on trade generally, the merchant was unwilling to attribute entirely to political disturbances, the reduced turnover. He thinks it is also due to this being the last year of the cycle of sixty (an omen of bad times.) He alleged that loaves were now imposed on goods in transit in all parts of the province; as much as 95 cents being collected on a picul bag of sugar from Canton to Fatahan. The collectors, he stated, were three different batches of soldiers and bandits who demanded varying sums for "passage on the water."

SUGAR IMPORTS.
About thirteen thousand bags of Java sugar for Nam Pak Hong, and a large quantity for the refineries, arrived during the week-end. About sixty thousand bags are also expected by five steamers which are coming in during the next few days. This has had the effect of producing a quieter tone in the local sugar market. Importers are marking time, about \$16.70 being quoted, per picul, for the best lots of No. 24 rough white, and from \$16.40 to \$16.55 for other samples. Small lots have been offered by speculators at as much as 70 cents per picul lower. A drop has been recorded in quotations for "futures."

FLOUR MARKET.
There is no change to record, prices being as published on Saturday.

RICE MARKET.
Up-country paddy crops are now ready for harvesting but there is no drop in local prices. Superior quality Siam is up a few cents, but other grades remain stationary.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Thirteen boats started in the first of the ladies' championship yacht races which took place yesterday afternoon. The boats got away to a superb start and there was some very fine sailing.

The start and finish were at the Club House and the mark boats were at Kowloon Dock and Black-head's, both being taken on the port hand. This course was sailed twice and the distance was 5 miles. The wind was easterly and the force about 3.

The start was at 3 p.m., and the finishing and corrected time are as under:

Boat Sailed by	Finishing Time	Corrected Time	Position
Daphne (Mrs. Arthur) ...	4 0 45	same	1
Bonito (Mrs. Scott) ...	4 4 1	same	10
Ailsa (Mrs. Bromwich) ...	4 2 1	same	6
Halcyon (Miss Phillips) ...	4 6 0	same	13
Adana (Mrs. Mitchell) ...	4 6 15	4 3 45	9
Gladys (Mrs. Adams) ...	4 0 7	4 1 37	4
Scalark (Mrs. Cock) ...	4 5 28	4 2 58	7
Spray (Miss Robertson) ...	4 7 35	4 5 12	12
Boojum (Miss G. Grace) ...	4 5 43	4 3 13	8
Ursula (Mrs. Davison) ...	5 6 35	4 4 51	11
Belinda (Miss Grace) ...	4 7 22	4 1 57	5
Pierrette (Miss P. Grace) ...	4 4 16	4 1 21	2
Joan (Mrs. Blaker) ...	4 4 22	4 1 27	3

THE STAR.

"TOSCA" TO-NIGHT.

The Italian Opera Company present "La Tosca" to-night at the Star, as one of the "request" programmes they recently announced. To-morrow's bill is "Faust," which is particularly gratifying to learn that "Faust" has been included in the list of attractions. "Faust" has been the public's instant demand, and *La Tosca* has made way for it as a result of the numerous special requests.

ON A NEW CRAZE.

I propose to take as subject of my song
The prospective growth and triumph of Mah Jong
(In which plan I am supported
By the fact—which can't be thwarted—
There are several well-assorted
Rhymes in "ong").

Out of China (whence we also gain Souchong)
Came this latest boom and blessing of Mah Jong!
Now in London Town it rages,
So it should, by easy stages,
Reach our own suburban sages
Before long.

Yes, I think you'll find the pastime of Mah Jong
At our northern parties shortly going strong?
But I don't know how you play it
(Does one back a "jong" or lay it?)
So I may (with grief I say it)
Be all wrong

Do they play it to the beating of a gong,
This inviting, this exciting game Mah Jong?
At the subsequent collation
Do the guests (with imprecation)
Use a chopstick for their ration
Or a prong?

Does light conversation help the game along?
Does one chatter as one joins the earnest throng?
Or sit silent as a mummy?
Does it need a fourth or dummy?
Is it aught like nap or "rummy"?
This Mah Jong?

Are there "local rules," I wonder, in Mah Jong?
Is the code the same from Bolivar to Bhong?
Though the thought a trifle strange is
It may be the custom changes
As from Harrogate one ranges
To Hongkong.

My inquiries now enwrap me like a thong;
But I'm told a doom has sounded ding-a-dong;
Bridge is fighting for survival,
So, with praises adjectival,
I salute the glad arrival
Of Mah Jong.

—LUCIO.
Manchester Guardian.

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Everton	20	9	5	6	24
Bolton Wanderers	20	7	4	9	23
Sunderland	19	9	6	4	22
Newcastle United	19	9	6	4	22
Sheffield United	18	8	4	6	22
Notts County	18	7	4	7	21
Blackburn Rovers	18	8	5	5	21
Tottenham Hotspur	18	6	5	7	19
Manchester City	18	7	6	5	19
West Ham United	18	5	6	7	17
West Bromwich Albion	18	6	7	5	17
Liverpool	18	6	8	4	16
Arsenal	18	5	8	5	15
Burnley	18	4	7	7	15
Chelsea	19	3	9	7	13
Nottingham Forest	18	4	10	4	12
Birmingham	19	3	10	6	12
Middlesbrough	18	4	11	3	11
Preston North End	18	2	11	5	9

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TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rangers	17	12	1	4	28
Celtic	18	8	2	8	24
Airdrieonians	18	8	4	6	22
Raith Rovers	17	9	4	4	22
Partick Thistle	18	9	7	2	20
Aberdeen	18	8	6	4	20
St. Mirren	17	7	5	5	19
Hearts	18	6	6	6	18
Kilmarnock	17	7	6	4	18
Hibernians	18	5	7	6	16
Dundee	17	6	7	4	16
Third Lanark	16	8	8	0	16
Clyde	18	5	8	5	15
Motherwell	17	6	9	2	14
Clydebank	18	5	9	4	14
Queen's Park	17	6	9	2	14
Balkirk	18	5	9	4	14
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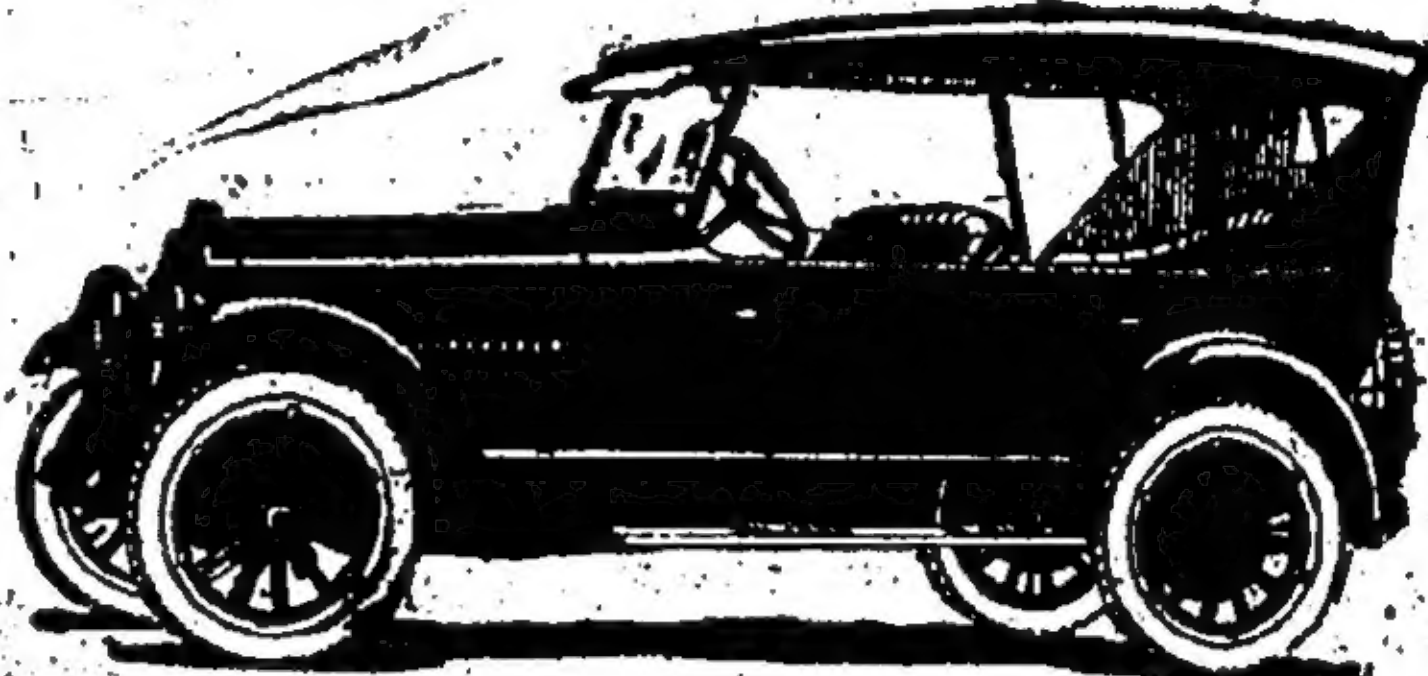
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POPULAR GIRL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

This week, we give the second list of
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voting contest. Write them out in their
correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists
will follow each week. After these lists have
all been decided, still further contests will be
held to decide the finals. For each event every
week we will give our usual \$50 prize.
Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you
consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then
cut the them out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The
correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item getting the most
votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until
the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is not to select the ten most popular
items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most
popular names from our list and judge what place
each individually will occupy—which will come
first, which second, and so on until all ten have
been placed.

The contest lists from Monday to Saturday. The results will be announced
in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will
be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one item giving the reader one try
for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week.
Competition may seem in so many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms
received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms
strongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.
Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names.
Select the ten you think the most popular.

- 1... .. Barbara
- 2... .. Constance
- 3... .. Daisy
- 4... .. Diana
- 5... .. Edna
- 6... .. Elsie
- 7... .. Eva
- 8... .. Frances
- 9... .. Gertrude
- 10... .. Helen
- 11... .. Ida
- 12... .. Ivy
- 13... .. Kathleen
- 14... .. Louisa
- 15... .. Madeline
- 16... .. Maud
- 17... .. Olive
- 18... .. Rachel
- 19... .. Sarah
- 20... .. Sylvia

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, December 11, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular
Christian names from the above list, placed in the
order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....
- 6.....
- 7.....
- 8.....
- 9.....
- 10.....

Name

Address

Next Week—Girls' Names Third List.



Clara Kimball Young

Clara Kimball Young, noted motion-picture actress, has been accused by Joseph Sachs, millionaire, of having persuaded his wife Mrs. Carolyn Sachs, to leave him. Charges and counter charges of gay moonlight bathing parties on Santa Monica's beaches were set forth in his answer to his wife's suit for separation.



Wearing Diamond Necklace

This is the last word in bonnets, worn by one of the leading women of Fort Worth, Texas, for the diamond jubilee celebration on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the city and of the incorporation of the city 25 years later.



Miss Helen Schultz

Four powerful railways, backed by many millions, are allied in a fight on pretty Miss Helen Schultz, 24-year-old woman, residing at Mason City, Iowa. Miss Schultz seeks a permit to operate automobile omnibus lines out of Mason City. She already operates 24 such lines and wishes this permit extended. The roads are fighting her before the State Railroad Commission on the ground that her lines hurt their business.



Wearing Bonnet

"I am avenged!" is the constant cry of Mrs. Emily Strulynsky, of Ramey, Pa., wife of a priest in the Greek Catholic Church, who murdered Father Basil Stettin in the confessional of his church, in Chicago. She declared her victim had defamed her husband in a statement dealing with the latter's handling of church fund.



Josef Hoffman

Josef Hoffman, world-famous pianist, has returned to New York from Europe, ready for a long American concert tour.



Leon Trotsky

Leon Trotsky, formerly an obscure printer in New York City, now Communist Minister of War in Soviet Russia, commands the largest standing army in the world to-day. He is shown with one of his army commanders, marching across Red Square during a military review in Moscow.



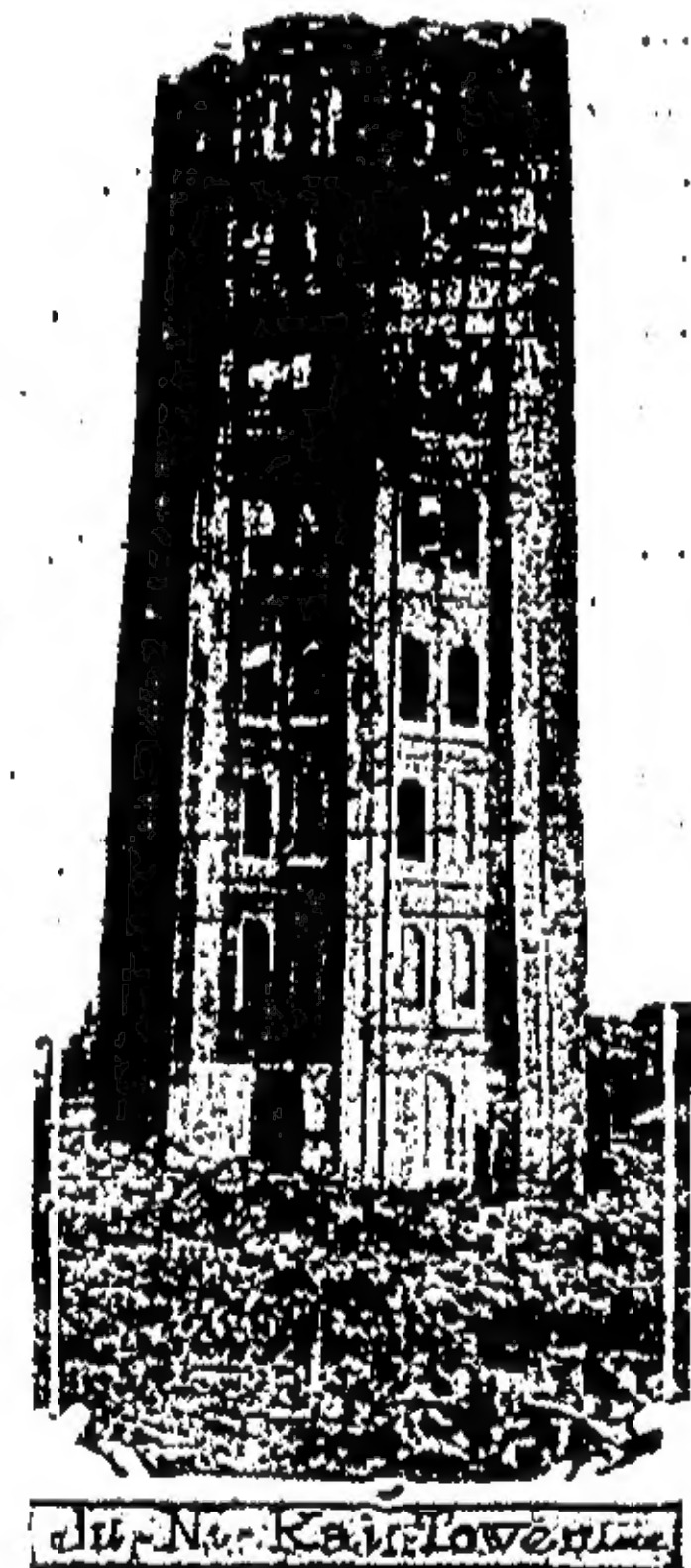
Miss Katherine Miller

Miss Katherine Miller is held in a Philadelphia jail for shooting and killing Harry E. Kundernagel, a student at the Merchant College of Philadelphia. Miss Miller has expressed keen regret for her act. She asserted she was Kundernagel's common-law wife and helped pay for his college tuition.



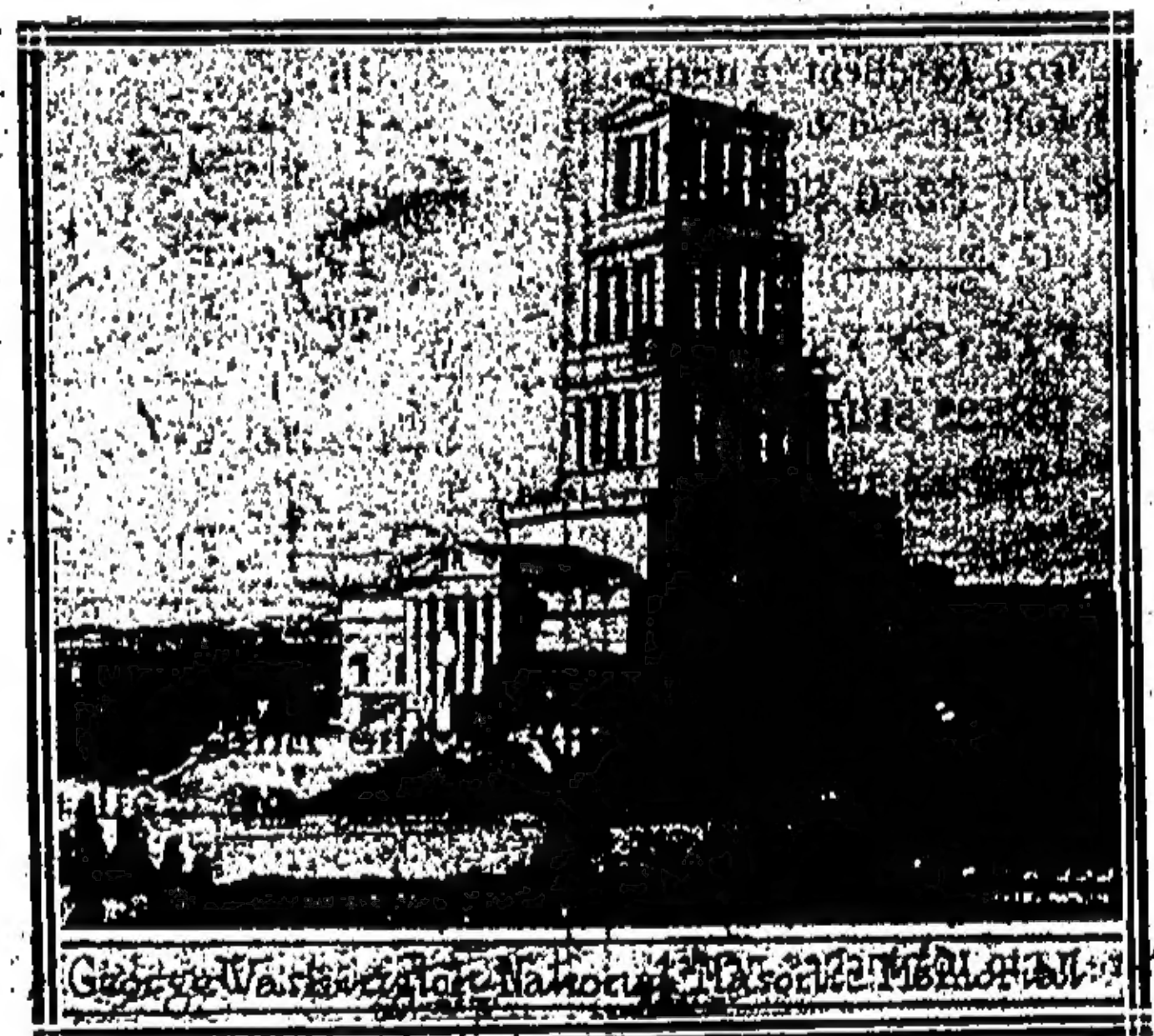
Allister McCormick

Allister McCormick, young Chicago millionaire, who was fitted so often by Miss Mary Landon Baker, of Chicago, is shown here, in Paris with his bride, who was Miss Joan Stevens, of London, and her mother Mrs. Charles Melton Astley, shortly after their marriage in the Embassy Church, in Paris.



The Japanese Tower

Above photograph shows all that is left of the world-famous Ju-Ni-Ko Tower, in Tokio, where 500 persons met death in the Japanese earthquake. Five of the twelve stories of the huge tower collapsed.



George Washington National Masonic Memorial

In the presence of President Coolidge and thousands of the highest Masons in the world, the cornerstone of \$4,000,000 George Washington National Masonic Memorial was laid at Alexandria, Va., on November 1. Charles H. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master for Virginia, used the trowel used by General Washington in laying the cornerstones of the National Capitol on September 18, 1793. The huge memorial, of granite, will be 260 feet in height, 180 feet wide and 260 feet in length, resting on the commanding summit of Shooter's Hill, a part of the Arlington Ridge, overlooking the Potomac. Priceless relics of General Washington will be housed in the memorial.



Hospital Ambulances

Hospital ambulances have been formally adopted by the French Army. An officer, wounded on the target range at Bordeaux is shown being placed in one of the ambulances to be rushed to a hospital in Paris. He received medical treatment during the flight.



Glenn Hunter

There are persistent rumours in New York theatrical circles that Glenn Hunter, screen star, who starred recently in "Merton of the Movies," is soon to marry Miss May McAvoy, herself a moving-picture celebrity. The romance is said to have begun when both were making pictures in the Far West.

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WHO ME?

OH! OINTY! OH! OINTY!

